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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number persons targeted to be provided employment during the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) whether it is a fact that employment could not be provided to the people as per the plan; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

a) During 9th Five Year Plan, a growth target of 6.5% p.a. on an average was projected. With this projected growth about 50.22 million employment opportunities were projected for the period 1997-2000.

b) Estimates of employment are obtained from the Labour Force Surveys carried out by the National Sample Survey Organisation. The employment which was of the order of 374.00 million in 1993-94 has gone up to 397.00 million in 1999-2000.

c) The main reason is that the economy did not grow as expected. The Government constituted in 1999 a high powered task force under the chairmanship of member Planning Commission to recommend measures for creating the required additional employment opportunities over a ten year period.